

2 p.m. Mr. Brown to preach and preside, and Mr. Mylne to address the minister, and Mr. McGillivray the people. At this meeting the Presbytery agreed to take up and dispose of any emergent business requiring immediate action. A case of difficulty from one of the sessions having been brought before the last meeting and a commission having been appointed to visit the place, and, if possible, settle the difficulty. That commission gave in their report, in which the action of the session was, in its principal points, sustained. In this the Presbytery agreed, but against which the complainant protested, and appealed for leave to complain to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa at its next meeting. The Home Mission business and the supply of vacancies occupied as usual a considerable portion of the time of the Presbytery. In this connection, several important arrangements were made for the better working of the field, and steps taken to prepare the way for the settlement of ministers in several of the vacancies. The Committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of the Rev. Mr. Traver gave in their report, which was accepted, and is as follows:—"In the death of the Rev. Albert Jones Traver, M.A., Minister of the first Presbyterian Church, Brockville, the Presbytery are sensible of the great loss they have sustained. Scholarly, zealous, judicious, courteous, he had endeared himself to all his brethren as well as to his flock. While acknowledging with submission the Master's hand in his removal, the Presbytery would devoutly thank God for lending to the Church, one, who proved so efficient a labourer, and would pray that the bright memories of his brief career may stimulate them all, to abound yet more in labours, and like him, to live in constant preparation for the coming of the Lord. To his sorrowing widow, to his aged parents, and near of kin, the court would tender their sincere sympathy, and would extend the same to his stricken flock, with the earnest prayer that this trial may be abundantly blessed to them all, and that at an early day, a suitable pastor may be placed over them in the Lord." Mr. Burns reported thus in accordance with the appointment of Presbytery, he had preached in the first Presbyterian Church, on the 10th of last month, and declared the charge vacant. The remit on the constitution of the General Assembly was considered, and generally approved of, with certain amendments, specially one, to provide for an after election, and another to substitute twenty for thirty days, as the time within which the first election is to be made. Arrangements were also made for the holding of missionary meetings throughout the whole Presbytery, and for that purpose the Presbytery was divided into four sections, with corresponding deputations to attend to the work, and these deputations were specially instructed to give full information regarding the different schemes, for which collections have to be taken up during the year, and where they deem it necessary, to explain the position of the Church in the Union lately consummated. It was agreed that henceforward the Presbytery should meet quarterly in the months of December, March, July and September, and that the next regular meeting should be held on the 21st of December, in Brockville, and within the First Presbyterian Church there, at 3 p.m.

JOHN CROMBIE, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—Agreeably to a circular issued by the Moderator of the Presbytery of Toronto, and sent by the clerk to all the members, a *pro re nata* meeting of said Presbytery was held in the usual place—the lecture room of Knox Church, Toronto, "To take into consideration the doctrine of a sermon said to have been preached by the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, in St. Andrew's Church, on the 26th of September, and what action might be necessary thereanent." Besides the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Topp, there were present 29 ministers and 15 elders, besides three ministers from other presbyteries, who sat as corresponding members. There was also present a large number of the Christian public, and various reporters for the city press. The meeting was constituted as usual, with praise, reading of scripture and prayer. Thereafter the Moderator proceeded and read a requisition signed by 10 members, asking him to call a *pro re nata* meeting; he also read the circular which he had consequently issued. On motion made by Rev. Wm. Reid,